

3. „ V. Krishna Kamath.
4. „ C. D. Sreedhara Prabhu.

Caste-war statement of Government servants drawing above Rs. 50 per mensem.

163. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) the number of Government servants drawing above Rs. 50 per mensem from among the communities of (i) Ezhuvas, (ii) Muslims and (iii) Ezhuthassans?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Information available is given below:—

Ezhuvas.	Muslims.	Ezhuthassans.
34	10	2

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Let me make a slight correction in the number of Ezhuvas. The information from the Public Health department was not received at the time the answers were prepared in the Secretariat. Now we got the information that there are two Ezhuvas working in that Department drawing above Rs. 50. So the number 34 should be corrected as 36.

Electrification of Trichur and Ernakulam.

164. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which license was granted to Messrs. Chandrie & Co., for the electrification of Trichur and Ernakulam;

(2) who laid the Foundation stone of the Ernakulam Power House and when;

(3) what is the name of that Power House?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Ernakulam 3—12—1935. Trichur 3—1—1936.

(2) The Diwan of Cochin. 14—1—1936.

(3) “The Sir Sri Rama Varmah Power House.”

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—At the time when the foundation for the Ernakulam power house was laid, had the Company obtained its fitness certificate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Had they applied for the fitness certificate at that time. You are not likely to grant license without the fitness certificate.

Mr. President.—First, the license is given and then the fitness certificate.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Generally heavy expenditure is not incurred before the fitness certificate is received. Is it not the practice?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say that definitely.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Is it not quite possible that even though license is granted the fitness certificate is refused?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is quite possible. Government may grant license at one time and subsequently might think that the fitness certificate might not be issued.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—My information is that they had not applied for the fitness certificate at the time when the foundation stone was laid by the Diwan and the name of the Maharaja was given to that institution?

Mr. President.—The fitness certificate was not issued for obvious reasons.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Is it fair for the Head of the Administration like the Diwan to participate in a function where the name of the institution is going to be styled after His Highness the Maharaja?

Mr. President.—Certainly, nothing improper at all.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Suppose that institution does not work afterwards, will it not be something bad and is it not risky for the Government to participate in such thing?

Mr. President.—Since they have participated, the institution will be more careful to fulfil their obligations, and they will take extraordinary care to make it a success.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Is it with a view to instill that spirit of carefulness that the Head of Department, the Diwan thought it fit to lay the foundation stone?

165. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. The names of those who applied for license for the Electrification of Trichur and Ernakulam;

2. The reasons for preferring Chandrie and Co., from them.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I. The Trichur Electric Corporation Ltd., Trichur.

The Electric Power and Communications Trust Ltd.,
Calcutta.

Messrs. P. S. Venkateswaran and Co., Ernakulam.

Messrs. Chandrie and Company Ltd., Madras

Messrs. Chari and Chari Ltd., Madras.

Messrs. Seshasayee and Bros, Ltd., Trichinopoly.

Mr. T. K. Lona Paul, Manalur.

Mr. C. P. Lonappan, Trichur.

Messrs. Callender's Cable and Construction Company Ltd.,
Kothamangalam.

2. Because, of all the applications, the one submitted by Messrs. Chandrie and Co., was the only one that complied with all the material particulars required by the Cochin Electricity Regulation and the Rules issued thereunder and also because the Government were satisfied that Chandrie and Co., had the necessary experience to run the concern.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What were the conditions that the other companies whose licenses were refused did not fulfil.

Mr. President.—You want all the conditions contained in the Regulation enumerated.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I want only those conditions which these applicants did not satisfy and for which they were not given licenses.

Mr. President.—There are a number of conditions, which are to be satisfied according to the Regulation and Rules. It was found that except Messrs. Chandrie and Co., every other applicant had failed in one way or the other.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I am asking whether we can get the information i. e., the conditions which these applicants did not satisfy.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I may assure the Hon'ble Member that every application was looked into.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I beg to submit that a new kindness be shown to the indigenous concerns apart from the Industries Regulation, because the Diwan President was telling us that it

is the intention of the Government to remove discontent. Why not some encouragement be given to them. Let the past be passed.

Mr. President.—One will always be prepared to do that.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there any serious omission in those rejected applications that necessitated the Government to prefer a foreign company to the indigenous ones? What was the omission of the Trichur Electric Corporation, a local company?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is given in the Press Communique.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was the omission in the opinion of the Government so serious that their claims should be overlooked.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

166. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Trichur Electric Corporation Ltd., did apply for an amended license on conditions specified in Government Notification in the Gazette dated 13th July 1935;

(b) if so, (i) the date of its application;

(ii) whether it was allowed;

(c) if the amended license was not sanctioned the reasons for not sanctioning it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) (i) 20th August 1935.

(ii) No.

(c) The attention of the member is drawn to paragraph 5 of the Press Communique dated 20th March 1936 (7th Meenam 1111) published in Part I of Government Gazette dated 15th Meenam 1111.

167. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they gave any notice to the Trichur Electric Corporation to the effect that license will be given to another company in case they do not comply with the demands made of them by the Diwan before they actually gave the license to Messrs. Chandrie & Co.

(2) if so, (a) when was it and (b) whether they will be pleased to place a copy of that notice on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) (a) On 27th December 1935.

(b) A copy of the letter sent to the Managing Director of the Corporation is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

168. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Trichur Electric Corporation submitted review petitions to them and His Highness the Maharaja on their order of cancellation of the Electric license;

(2) if so, the dates on which they were submitted;

(3) the dates on which orders were passed upon them;

(4) the reasons given for passing such orders?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) 7th April 1936 and 8th May 1936, respectively.

(3) 24th June 1936.

(4) Because the Government thought that there was no reason for a cancellation of the order already passed.

169. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether the Trichur Electric Corporation has not paid the license fee for the license given to them and the security money;

2. whether they will place on the table a copy of the chalan which accompanied the payment of security money on 2nd Thulam 1105;

3. whether the above security deposit was not renewed from time to time in pursuance of notice of forfeiture given by them in the Government Gazette and if so, the dates on which they were renewed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. The Corporation paid the license fee of Rs. 500 under rule 9 (g) of the Cochin Electricity Rules but not the security deposit under clause C (3) of the license till 16th Kumbham 1111 when Rs. 500 was remitted into the Trichur Treasury by the Corporation as per chalan No. 593, dated 16th Kumbham 1111.

2. No payment of security was made on 2nd Thulam 1105.

3. No answer is necessary in view of the answer to subdivision No. 2.

170. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for cancelling the license granted to the Trichur Electric Corporation, Ltd?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to Government Proceedings, Pw5. 17279/09, dated 20th March 1936, published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 15th Meenam 1111, Part I, page 827.

APPENDIX I.

(Question No. 167.)

Copy of the letter No Pw5. 17279/1109, dated 27th December 1935

from the Secretary to Government to the Managing Director,
The Trichur Electric Corporation Ltd., Trichur.

Electrical energy—Cochin State—supply of.

"With reference to the electrification of Trichur, Government regret to note that the Corporation has not yet taken any steps to proceed with the work in spite of repeated reminders given to them by the Diwan through the Managing Director during the last three months. In the Diwan's D. O. No. 535/1111, dated 5th December 1935 the Diwan observed that an amended license will be given to you only if Government are satisfied that you are making progress in the matter of proceeding with the work. Government now regret to note that in spite of so many chances being given to the Corporation, the Corporation has not yet either collected the shares or placed order for machinery. Under these circumstances I have the honour to inform you that Government are taking other steps for the electrification of Trichur."

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, in the Press Communique, para 5 says that the Diwan explained to the Electric Corporation to go ahead with the work quickly and take all the necessary steps to collect shares. One of the charges against the Electric Corporation was that they did not go ahead and collect necessary shares. Is it not necessary under the Company Law to issue a free prospectus under the amended license before they call for shares?

Mr. President.—We cannot expound law here.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did not the amended license applied for by the Trichur Electric Corporation contain some very material changes from the original license that had been granted to them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The license has been amended and contained some alterations.